

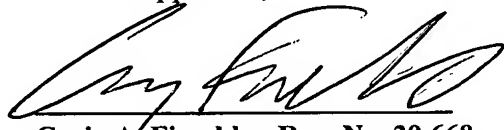
REMARKS

Regarding the amendments:

- Claims 4, 5, 7, 10, and 16-18 are amended to remove multiple dependencies.
- Claim 12 is amended to correct a typographical error.
- Claim 20 is amended to depend solely from claim 12, and to incorporate elements of original claim 21.
- Claim 21 is amended to depend from claim 19 and to conform the claims to more conventional US format.
- The Abstract is taken from corresponding PCT publication WO 2004/020081 A2.

No new matter has been added to the application by these amendments, and the application is now ready for examination on the merits. If any questions regarding the application arise, please contact the undersigned attorney. Telephone calls related to this application are welcomed and encouraged. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments relating to this application to deposit account number 18-2055.

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